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Re: DA 97-1677, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160

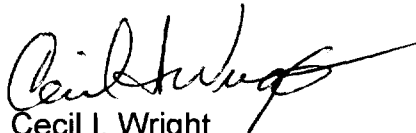
Dear Secretary Caton:

In its Report and Order, released May 8, 1997 in CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160, In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, the Federal Communications Commission directed state commissions to elect, by August 15, 1997, whether they will conduct their own forward-looking economic cost studies.

Pursuant to that requirement the Missouri Public Service Commission hereby informs the FCC that it intends to conduct its own forward-looking cost study and to examine forward-looking economic cost in the course of its Case No. TO-98-64, In the Matter of the Development of a Forward-looking Economic Cost Study for Purposes of Determining Federal Universal Service Support in the State of Missouri.

If the Commission requires any further information regarding this matter prior to the February 6, 1998 deadline for submission of the Missouri cost study, please contact Penny Baker, Deputy General Counsel, at (573) 751-6651.

Sincerely yours,

  
Cecil I. Wright  
Executive Secretary

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RE: Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Messrs. Hundt and Caton:

I write to place my name in nomination for the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). I do this at the request of the Board of Directors of the 2B1 Foundation, a not-for-profit Internet access company where I serve as president and chief executive officer, and out of a deep concern that advanced telecommunication and information services serve to close rather than expand the gap between the digital haves and the digital have nots, particularly as the gap affects children.

The mission of the 2B1 Foundation is to bring the benefits of digital learning and communication to all the primary school children of the world. We are developing new information delivery mechanisms, and piloting methods of using connectivity in the classroom to enhance children's ability to direct their own learning in all economic and geographic settings. Our equal goal is to reduce, through digital connectivity, the isolation of lower income and remote school districts.

The founder and chairman of the foundation is Nicholas Negroponte, founder of the Media Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, author of *being digital* (1995), and a forceful theorist and advocate for the broadest and highest standards of value achievable from new communication technology and connectivity. 2B1's vice chairman is Dr. Seymour Papert, author of *Mindstorms* (1980) and *The Children's Machine* (1993) and a pioneer in applying computer technology to primary level education.

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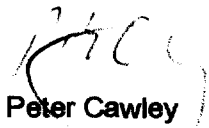
Our advisory board includes Mitchel Resnick, who founded the Computer Club providing after school access to computer and Internet technology for urban teenagers, and Clotilde Fonseca, director of the Fundación Omar Dengo, which has transformed primary education in Costa Rica through the use computers in teaching and has added an Internet initiative to its latest phase of expansion beyond the 50 percent of that nation's schoolchildren Omar Dengo already reaches.

Mr. Hundt spoke to 2B1's worldwide workshop on children, learning and computers at MIT in July of this year. The audience of more than 100 educators in attendance, many from low income and marginalized communities around the world, lauded the vision of the recent Act and of the Universal Service initiative.

Our direct interest in service on the USAC Board is to see that universal service supports the availability of services like ours and other information and access providers equally across the country. Our broader charter is to raise awareness in industry and government of the precise nature of the enormous benefits connectivity and information services access have for children. My appointment would bring the Board a steady voice for the interests of information services and access providers, state-of-the-art understanding of the value of advanced telecommunication and information technology in classroom and daily life, and a broad institutional vision of the value attainable through universal access to the benefits promoted by the Commission.

I have enclosed a brief biography and would happily provide any additional information that may be required.

Sincerely



Peter Cawley  
President

Attachment

cc: Mike Nelson  
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**Peter B. Cawley**  
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Peter Cawley is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the 2B1 Foundation and a founding member of its Board of Directors. The foundation is organized as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of New York and under the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. The mission of the foundation is to accelerate the growth of Internet access for primary school children around the world, and to develop enhanced learning methods via computer and Internet technology. The foundation believes that the benefits for children in being digital are both deep and wide, and center upon inclusion, not exclusion, from a burgeoning world digital community.

Mr. Cawley was formerly the Chief Financial Officer and Acting Executive Director of New York City's Big Apple Circus -- a \$15 million not-for-profit organization that operates a one-ring classical circus, pediatric health care at 12 hospitals in several Eastern cities, and an inner city arts in education program.

Mr. Cawley previously held planning and financial posts at textbook publisher John Wiley & Sons, where he introduced new publishing technology methods and became a featured speaker at the Seybold Conferences on Technology. He earlier served as head of financial planning at the telecommunications-based information services and satellite direct broadcast services venture CNR Partners, a \$90 million investment of Nynex, General Electric and Citicorp which he co-developed as a corporate planning and business development manager at General Electric's NBC division.

In an earlier career as a journalist, Mr. Cawley was a reporter and editor at the Associated Press. He holds master's degrees in public and private management from Yale University (1983) and in journalism from Northwestern University (1977), and an undergraduate degree in comparative literature from Brown University (1974).

Mr. Cawley has served as a member of the board of directors of the alumni association of the Yale School of Management, as president of the Compo Homeowner's Association, and as a soccer coach and elementary school parent/teaching assistant in the Westport (Conn.) public schools. With his wife, Leslie, a graduate of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy (1979) and of the Yale School of Management (1984), he lives in Westport with their three sons, Peter, aged 9, Geoffrey, aged 6 and Jay, aged 4.